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FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STRATEGY FOR INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA

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1. WE DISCUSSED YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE CURRENT LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR LEARSON WHEN HE WAS HERE ON DECEMBER 12 AND 13 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH NORWEGIAN LAW OF THE SEA MINISTER, JENS EVENSEN. EVENSEN AND HIS SENIOR STAFF HAVE PLAYED A UNIQUE, MAJOR ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE, AND AMBASSADOR LEARSON AGREED THAT WE COULD CONTRIBUTE MOST TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE BY CONTINUING TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM AND BY REPORTING ON DEVELOPMENTS.

2. AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S VISIT EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE. I PARTICIPATED WITH HIM IN THE CONSULTATIONS WITH EVENSEN AND WILL CARRY FORWARD WITH EVENSEN THE DIALOGUE THIS EMBASSY
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HAD WITH HIM EVER SINCE THE CONFERENCE BEGAN, I HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED MY LOS OFFICER TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH KEY PERSONNEL ON HIS STAFF SUCH AS AMBASSADOR VINDENES AND EVENSEN'S UNDER SECRETARY ARNE TREHOLT.

3. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD BE KEPT ACTIVELY INFORMED OF U.S. THINKING ON MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE THE LOS CONFERENCE FOR DISCUSSION WITH EVENSEN AND HIS TEAM. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES TAKES OVER AND BEGINS TO RE-EXAMINE U.S. POLICIES AND TACTICS. WE ALSO URGE OUR LOS EXPERTS SUCH AS BERNIE OXMAN, LEIGH RATINER, AND TERRY LEITZELL TO VISIT OSLO AND TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR NORWEGIAN COUNTERPARTS THE DETAILS OF LOS CONSIDERATIONS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR LEARSON'S CONSULTATIONS HERE WERE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL AND, TO THE EXTENT HE CAN GET WAY AND BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANOTHER VISIT FROM HIM.
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